(*b*) The names and addresses of people or firms to which permits were issued till the 1st of Dhanu 1118;

(*c*) the names and addresses of the applicants for such permits to whom permits were refused till the 1st Dhanu 1118?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies)*: (*a*) No statistics are available here.

(*ii*) (1) 127 permits were issued.

*(2) A list of persons to whom permits were issued is appended *(Appendix I)*.

(3) 27,557 bags or 55,114 Cwts.

*(4) See *(Appendix II)*.

(5) Not known.

(6) No information available.

(*b*) Permits have been issued to Nos. 1 to 20 and 28, 31, 32, 33 of the *Appendix I*.

*(*c*) A list of persons to whom permits were refused is appended *(Appendix III)*.

TRANSPORT OF GRAM—OBSTRUCTION BY THE CHOWGHAT MAGISTRATE

138. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the fact that 50 bags of gram transported to Kunnamkulam from Mattancheri with the transport permit of the Civil Supplies Commissioner by P. V. Uthup, B. A., General Merchant, Kunnamkulam, in Vrischigam was prevented by the Sub-Magistrate, Chowghat;

(*b*) whether this matter has not been brought to the notice of this House, the Government and the Commissioner of Civil Supplies;

(*c*) whether the Commissioner of Civil Supplies promised on the floor of this House that immediate steps will be taken to release this commodity;

(*d*) whether formal petition has not been received from Mr. P. V. Uthup by the Commissioner of Civil Supplies to get release for his commodity which has been prevented by the Sub-Magistrate, Chowghat;

(*e*) whether the Government be pleased to inform whether this consignment of 50 bags of gram has been released and given over to the merchant;

(*f*) if so, when?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies)*:

(*a*) One Pulikkottil Kakku Verghese a merchant at Kunnamkulam was given a permit to transport 25 bags of gram (കടല) from Ernakulam to Kunnamkulam and the consignment was detained by the Sub-Magistrate of Chowghat on its way to Kunnamkulam.

(*b*) This was brought to the notice of the Commissioner of Civil Supplies by one Pulikkottil Varied Uthup and also in this House by one of the Hon'ble Members.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes. The Collector of Malabar has informed the Commissioner of Civil Supplies that the obstruction has been removed.

(*f*) It is not known when the goods were given over to the merchant.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT ENGINEER FOR IRRIGATION—APPOINTMENT OF

139. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what occasioned the appointment of a Special Assistant Engineer for Irrigation;

(*b*) was that object gained by the appointment of brand new hands;

(*c*) will they be pleased to consider the scheme, *viz.*, a senior Assistant Engineer to be in charge of the Eastern Division and Chittur Irrigation with a senior Overseer under him for Irrigation work alone, the Assistant Engineer's head-quarters being Chittur?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*:

(*a*) The Special Assistant Engineer for Irrigation was appointed to look after the water distribution of the Chittur Irrigation systems and for the investigation of irrigation schemes in the State.

* See appendix.

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